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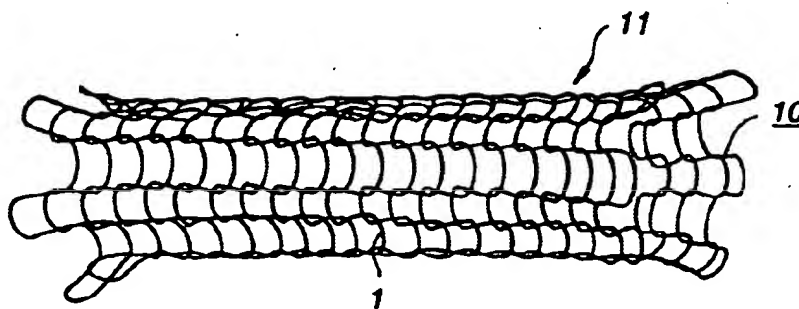
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**(54) DRUG-RELEASING STENT**

(57) A stent according to the present invention is adapted to be introduced into a vascular system such as blood vessels. The stent includes a stent body produced by weaving or knitting a fiber containing a drug and made of a low-melting biodegradable polymer into a tubular shape, or coating a drug-containing low-melting biodegradable polymer on a stent body. When the stent is introduced into the vascular system, the drug con-

tained therein is dosed in a locally limited region of the vascular system. The low-melting biodegradable polymer used has a melting point of 80° C or lower and is at least one compound selected from the group consisting of poly-ε-caprolactone, poly-D, L-deca-lactone, poly-dioxane and a copolymer thereof.

**FIG.1**